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APPLICANT: Christian M. Heesch

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**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Response  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2003. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the Office Action, making a response due by October 17, 2003. Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response for one month from October 17, 2003 to November 17, 2003.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are shown in strikeout):